

BENZIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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SPECIAL MEETING BENZIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AGENDA

January 29, 2021

9:00 a.m.

Frank F. Walterhouse Board Room, Government Center, Beulah, Michigan

Join Zoom Meeting

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9:00 a.m. Call to Order

Roll call

Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda

Public Input

Interviews for County Commissioner – District III

Andrew Miller
Matt Stefanski
Christine Twigg

Public Input

Decision

Adjournment

Times Subject to Change

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PUBLIC INPUT

Purpose: The Benzie County Board of Commissioners is a public policy setting body and subject to the Open Meetings Act (PA 267 of 1976). The Board also operates under a set of “Benzie County Board Rules (section 7.3)” which provides for public input during their meetings. It continually strives to receive input from the residents of the county and reserves two opportunities during the monthly scheduled meeting for you the public to voice opinions, concerns and sharing of any other items of common interest. There are however, in concert with meeting conduct certain rules to follow.

Speaking Time: Agenda items may be added or removed by the board but initially at least two times are devoted to Public Input. Generally, however, attendees wishing to speak will be informed how long they may speak by the chairman. All speakers are asked to give their name, residence and topic they wish to address. This and the statements/comments will be entered into the public record (minutes of the meeting). Should there be a number of speakers wishing to voice similar opinions, an option for a longer presentation may be more appropriate for the group and one or more speakers may talk within that time frame.

Group Presentations – 15 minutes
Individual Presentations – 3 minutes

Board Response: Generally, as this is an “Input” option, the board will not comment or respond to presenters. Silence or non-response from the board should not be interpreted as disinterest or disagreement by the board. However, should the board individually or collectively wish to address the comments of the speaker(s) at the approval of the Chair and within a time frame previously established, responses may be made by the board. Additionally, the presenter may be in need of a lengthier understanding of an issue or topic and may be referred to a committee appropriate to address those issues.

Public Input is very important in public policy settings and is only one means for an interchange of information or dialogue. Each commissioner represents a district within the county and he/she may be individually contacted should greater depth or understanding of an issue be sought. Personal contact is encouraged and helpful to both residents and the board.

Commissioner Contacts:

District	I – Bob Roelofs (Almira East of Reynolds Road).....	231-645-1187
District	II - Art Jeannot (Almira Twp West of Reynolds Road, Platte and Lake Townships)	231-920-5028
District	III – (Crystal Lake, Frankfort)	231-
District	IV – Rhonda Nye (Benzonia).....	231-510-8804
District	V – Tim Markey (Homestead)	231-871-1399
District	VI - Evan Warsecke (Colfax, Inland)	231-275-3375
District	VII - Gary Sauer (Blaine, Gilmore, Joyfield, Weldon)	231-651-0647

ANDREW MILLER

Frankfort, MI 49635 | 231-920-8300 | Andrew@eatmorepizza.com

January 22, 2021

Dawn Olney
Benzie County Clerk
Beulah, MI 49617
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RE: County Commissioner District III

Dear County Clerk,

It has come to my attention that the position for County Commissioner has opened. After reviewing the position, I feel that my experience as a local business owner and resident of Crystal Lake Township for over 25 years makes me a great candidate for this position.

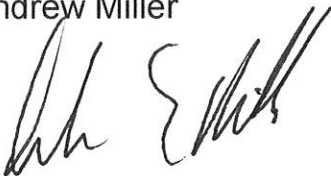
I bring a comprehensive set of skills that I believe will be valuable to Benzie County. In my business role, I honed my abilities in public relations and business development, providing a firm foundation for the County Commissioner position. My communication, people-centric nature, and compassion have afforded me excellent team-building skills. I have volunteered most of my life and my community is very important to me.

I am excited to contribute my talents and proficiency in leadership toward your team efforts. As an engaging communicator with a proven track record in business management, my focus on building strong professional relationships has been a beneficial asset throughout my career.

Please review my enclosed resume for a more in-depth illustration of my work history and accomplishments. I would appreciate the opportunity to interview at your earliest convenience. I'm eager to discuss how my personality and background fit the County Commissioner role.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my candidacy.

Sincerely,
Andrew Miller



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Andrew E. Miller

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A highly organized professional that can take charge, with more than 24+ years of success as an entrepreneur. Strong problem solving and decision making skills with the ability to develop and implement effective action plans. Commitment to detail in doing the job right the first time in completing all projects. Excellent communication and presentation skills. A team leader, providing motivation and training by example.

Expertise in:

Public Speaking - Training of personnel and protocol -
Conducting Investigations and Interviews -
Firearms Instructor - FFL License holder
POS Implementation - Security Specialist - Food Defense -
Internal and external theft - Video surveillance

EXPERIENCE & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Papano's Pizza Beulah Owner Operator

1998 to Present

As a successful entrepreneur I handle all aspects and logistics of my business. Implemented and provided technical support for our POS computer system for five locations. Supervise the interviewing, hiring, firing and training of all personnel. Coordinate the shift scheduling of full-time and part-time personnel; processed time cards. Interface with vendors to ensure all product inventories was ordered, delivered and appropriately priced. Logistics Manager, Managed all aspects of billing, A/R and A/P general ledger postings, and payroll processing. Optimized the bookkeeping efficiency of numerous locations over a ten-year period. Train personnel on bookkeeping principles, debits, credits, sales books, taxes and closings. Installed video and security systems and ensured store security measures were enforced.

- Managed multiple locations and directed staff to meet deadlines and increase sales.
- Designed and implemented all company manuals and protocol
- Train all employees on operations, security, and customer service
- Installed a company wide security system including video surveillance
- Apprehended and interviewed employee and customers
- Implemented a company wide POS system to curve internal theft

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Benzie County Sheriffs Office**2009 to Present****Reserve Deputy**

Currently working as a volunteer Reserve Sheriff Deputy with this department. My duties include protection of the lives and property within the county. I have participated in many Multi Agency Drug Enforcement operations. I work with the deputy side-by-side, search warrants, traffic stops, enforcement of laws, crowd control, prisoner transfers and all day-to-day duties of a Sheriffs deputy.

- Worked with MSP, TNT, DEA, FBI on drug enforcement raids
- NRA Basic Pistol Instructor and NRA Range Safety Officer
- Red Cross CPR/AED Certified

Betsie Point LLC**2011 to Present****Owner**

Betsie Point was formed to help in all aspects of the security industry. Main focus of this company is to train/teach personal security and Firearms Training. We teach personal protection, basic / advance firearms and weapon retention. We built a training center located in Benzie County where individuals, law enforcement and government agencies train with a state the art Laser Shot training system.

Food Defense Security Consultant 2011 to 2016**Andrew Miller Consultant**

The main focus was to help Cherry Growers Inc. in maintaining their security & food defense standards. I built the Food Defense and Emergency Action plan for the Cherry Growers facility for the past 5 years. I passed every SQF audit since I have been involved. I wrote the current Food Defense Plan that is being used to this day.

Cherry Growers Inc.**2011 to 2014****Food Defense Coordinator / Security Director / Security Lead**

Was in charge of the Safety & Security and Food Defense also administering the Security Action Plan for the plant. Patrol industrial and commercial premises to prevent and detect signs of intrusion and ensure security of doors, windows, and gates. Monitor and authorize entrance and departure of employees, visitors, and other persons to guard against theft and maintain security of premises. Keep a daily log activities and irregularities, such as equipment or property damage, theft, presence of unauthorized persons, or unusual activities.

Payton Presley Security**2005 to 2011****Security Specialist**

Was hired to help with one on the largest gas station/retail chains in Northern Michigan with over a 100+ stores. We helped on internal theft, burglary reduction, employee safety, robbery reduction, interviews and protocol. Personal and professional physical security for our clients, assessing any threats, and implementing a plan of action to keep them safe.

- Installed covert video surveillance systems for high internal theft areas
- Developed and implemented a sting operation on catching fraudulent employees
- Set up classes for team-building, and theft awareness

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- Watched video surveillance systems to catch external and internal theft
- Instilled positive change and improved employee morale through efficiency training and teamwork

Manitou Capital Management 1995 to 1997
Broker Dealer

Reporting to the Chief Compliance Officer, I was responsible for managing the compliance programs for the broker-dealer. Reviewing and testing compliance programs in accordance with FINRA. Ensuring that the businesses have and sustain strong compliance control environments. Assisting with regulatory reporting matters and filings. Oversight of the compliance professionals responsible for handling continuing education and registration activities, including FINRA and state securities registration and licensing of the firm and its personnel. Held a series 6 & 63 License.

KARE 11 Gannett Broadcasting 1990 to 1995
Production Assistant

Support the production teams by providing assistance during the pre and the post production stages. Coordinate activities between different members of News team, production house namely, director, producer, artist, script writers, technicians. Responsible for making arrangements for traveling and accommodation for the clients or for the entire production unit or News Crew. Ensure the activities of the production teams run on schedule.

KQRS Radio 92.5 1987 to 1993
Promotion Assistant

Execution of all details involving station events and promotions including but not limited to: Event set-up & break down, coordinating on site entertainment, personal interaction with listeners as well as public speaking to large crowds. Assisted with station marketing plans, strategies and promotional ideas.

Education & Affiliations

Orono High School, Long Lake, Minnesota class of 1990
 Normandale Community College, Bloomington, Minnesota
 International Film & Television Workshops, Rockport, Maine

AIB Certified Food Defense Coordinator
 USCCA Certified Firearms Instructor/Training Counselor
 CPR/AED Certified

Volunteer work

Toys for Tots	1998 to Present
Benzie County Reserve Sheriff	2009 to Present
FHS Asst. Volleyball Coach	2009 to Present

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From: Matt Stefanski <matt@stefanskidental.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 14, 2021 12:51 PM
To: Dawn Olney
Subject: Open seat on Benzie County Board of Commissioners
Attachments: Matt Stefanski Resume.pdf

Mrs. Olney,

I am writing this letter to express my interest in the seat for District 3 on the Board of Commissioners that was left vacant after Linda Farrell resigned her position. I am a full time resident of District 3, and I feel my past work experience and my community involvement make me a viable candidate. Attached is my resume with my business/work experience details, as well as positions I held at each company.

My wife and I moved our family to Frankfort in October 2012. In 2015 we opened Stefanski Dental in Frankfort. At that time I left Meijer Corporation to run our family business. I have been very involved with the community and school, most notably as a volunteer coach for, JH Football, JH Baseball, JH basketball, Varsity assistant Baseball Coach, Varsity Basketball Statistician and assistant coach, and a few boards for Lockhart Field. I feel my skill sets are right in line with the Commissioner position.

A list of references would be available upon request. Thank you and let me know if you need any more information.

Matt Stefanski
Stefanski Dental

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MATT STEFANSKI

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Objective: To express my interest in the seat for District 3 on the Board of Commissioners that was left vacant after Linda Farrell resigned her position. As a full time resident of District 3, I feel my past work experience and my community involvement make me a viable candidate. Listed below are my business/work experience details, as well as positions I held at each company.

EXPERIENCE

2018 – PRESENT

TURF MAINTENANCE SPECIALIST

Arcadia Bluffs South Course

2015 – PRESENT

OFFICE MANAGER

Stefanski Dental

2012 – 2015

GAS STATION OPERATIONS SERVICE COORDINATOR

Meijer Corporation

1995 – 2011

ENTRY LEVEL MANAGEMENT, HUMAN RESOURCES SPECIALIST, AUDITOR, COMPANY ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE, CONSTRUCTION PROJECT MANAGER AND JOBBER SALES MANAGER

Amoco Oil/ BP Oil Company

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT/ VOLUNTEER WORK

2014 – PRESENT

Frankfort-Elberta Area Schools

- Junior High football
- Junior High baseball
- Junior High basketball
- Varsity assistant baseball Coach
- Varsity Basketball statistician
- Varsity Basketball assistant Coach
- Love Lockhart Field board

EDUCATION

1990 – 1994

BACHELOR OF APPLIED ARTS

Majors: Sociology and Communications
Central Michigan University

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To the Benzie County Board of Commissioners,

I am submitting this letter of interest for the position of County Commissioner, District 3. I have spoken at length with outgoing Commissioner Linda Farrell and believe I have the qualifications necessary to fill her resigned position for the remainder of her term.

I am including my resume which states my intentions and experience.

I look forward to hearing back from the Board and thank you for your consideration.

Christine Twigg

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Personal Statement

If appointed Commissioner for the City of Frankfort and Crystal Lake Township, I will bring the ability and desire to be a fair and reasoned voice for these entities, their constituents and the county at large. Bringing skills of organization and communication, along with honesty and integrity, I will be able to consider divergent and opposing viewpoints and work to create solutions for citizen and community needs in a fair and balanced manner.

Professional Profile

As a self-employed person for thirty years, I have experience with creating and meeting budgets and margins, working with people from diverse backgrounds, finding solutions, and running efficient operations.

I am an excellent written communicator and have professional experience as a published writer.

As a landlord, it has been my goal to create workforce housing that provides tenants with not only affordable rent, but also community and harmony of space.

I currently work for American Airlines where meeting strong deadlines, dealing with stressful situations and customers, and creating a friendly and trustworthy public face are strengths and skills in which I excel.

Although not originally from Benzie County, I do have family ties here and have lived in Frankfort since 1997. I also embody the knowledge and perspective of having lived and worked in southern Michigan and overseas, traveled extensively and having hosted four exchange students.

Education

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor 1983-88; BA Environmental Sciences

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